



## Make A Splash Dramatic Play Ideas for Your Library



**Please visit our current dramatic play area, Frog Pond, downstairs in the Children's Room**

### ***White Water Rafting:***

**Setting the Scene** – Set up a small inflatable boat and a large poster of rapids to hang behind the boat

**Props** - life jackets, binoculars, canteen, small cooler with plastic food

### ***Camping by the Fish Pond:***

**Setting the Scene** - Use a water-look-alike shower curtain or cloth to create a pond on the floor. Bring in some large rocks and maybe a stump to give that outdoors feeling. Also create a small grill using recycled materials so the fish that are caught in the pond may be cooked.

**Props** – Sleeping bag, mess kit, spatula, toy fishing poles, plastic or plush fish , flashlight without the batteries

### ***Under the Sea:***

**Setting the Scene**- A. Hang a canopy tent from the ceiling to create an underwater place or hang crepe paper streamers from the ceiling using different shades of blue and green to create a wall. Children swim through the crepe paper wall to a magical underwater place .

**Props** -

Swim masks and flippers , Air Tanks(Staple cloth straps to oatmeal boxes), shells, plastic and plush sea creatures.

### ***A Day at the Pool:***

**Setting the Scene** – Set up a plastic swimming pool.

**Props**- Large funny looking suits kids can put over their clothes, sunglasses, towels, inflatable tube

### ***Aquatic Pet store:***

**Setting the Scene** – Use crates or some kind of shelving for counter and display shelves.

**Props**- toy cash register or money box and play money, Small plastic pet containers and fish tanks, small plastic animals that live in the water to put in containers , empty fish food containers, small nets to scoop out fish, empty bottles and eye droppers

***Creating Clever Castles & Cars from Boxes and Other Stuff* by Mari Rutz Mitchell** - This book will give you many ideas of things to make for a dramatic play area. Some water related ideas in this book are: Beaver Lodge, Pirate, Ship, Rocking Boat, Canoe and an Island Hut.